

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1624

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A RESOLUTION to honor J.W. McGuire upon his induction into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, agriculture has been a cornerstone of Wilson County since the county's founding in 1799, and those citizens involved in farming have always been a vital part of the community; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we specially recognize those outstanding citizens who have dedicated their lives to promoting the importance of agriculture in our society; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is J.W. McGuire, who has been inducted into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame for his hard work and commitment to continuing the legacy of the family farm in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Allen-White High School, Mr. McGuire served two years in the U.S. Army before earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Rural Development from Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, he married Toni Connor and moved to Wilson County to work as an assistant extension agent for the University of Tennessee (UT); through hard work and the application of his expertise in Extension programming, Mr. McGuire gained promotion, first to associate extension agent and then to extension agent; and

WHEREAS, during this time, Mr. McGuire's main areas of focus were agriculture, 4-H, and community resource development; and

WHEREAS, he organized the first Master Gardener class in Wilson County in 1994 and became a fixture at the Wilson County Fair by working on many different projects; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGuire was a cook at the 4-H Chicken Shack at the Fair and an advisor for adult agriculture horticultural exhibits and the 4-H Poultry Show; and

WHEREAS, he received his master's degree in extension education and community resource development from UT in 1988; and

WHEREAS, when the Wilson County extension director retired in 2003, Mr. McGuire was promoted to this important leadership post and served admirably for six years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGuire retired from UT Extension in 2009 after thirty years of excellent service to the agriculture community of Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, he now operates his own landscaping business and remains active in the community through volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame honors those dedicated citizens who have committed their lives to developing and maintaining the highest standards and principles in their chosen vocation, and it is fitting that we honor J.W. McGuire for his valuable service to agriculture and the farming community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor J.W. McGuire upon his induction into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame, reflecting fondly upon his many contributions to upholding the agricultural traditions of Wilson County and the State of Tennessee and his illustrious career with UT Extension.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.